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Title: PROBES FOR MYCTOPHID FISH AND A
METHOD FOR DEVELOPING THE SAME
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination Applicants respectfully request that the above-identified application be amended as follows:

In the Specification:

Please amend the specification as follows:

On Page 13, delete the first paragraph; and replace this paragraph with the following in accordance with 37 CFR §1.121. A marked up version showing changes is attached:

In still another embodiment the primer set (forward and backward primers) used for amplification and detection of Cyt b gene contains oligonucleotides with the sequences (SEQ ID NOS 1-2):

CYT 1:	5'	TGA YTT GAA RAA CCA YCG TTG	3'
CYT 2:	5'	CTC CAR TCT TCG RYT TAC AAG	3'

On Page 13, delete the second paragraph; and replace this paragraph with the following in accordance with 37 CFR §1.121. A marked up version showing changes is attached: